Success is sweet, but short-lived

Tomorrow just might not be another day

Butch Maier

What strength do I have, that I should still hope? What prospects, that I should be patient?

- Job 6:11

FINALLY

That headline blanketed the front sports page of the Roanoke Times & World-News last Sunday. Since the onset of their football series with Clemson in 1955, the Virginia Cavaliers had been stymied by the Tigers until Saturday. After 29 unsuccessful tries, the 'Hoos defeated Clemson 20 - 7 in Charlottesville.

That same afternoon, the Guilford football team, an unfortunate subject of apathy in recent years, locked up with Union College (Ky). What followed was the Quakers handing the Bulldogs a resounding defeat, 31 - 8, and, in turn, earning their first opening game victory since 1984.

Though Virginia and Guilford are separated by two levels of NCAA classification, they are connected in several aspects.

Both football squads have been overshadowed by performances by other sports teams in their respective schools. In men's basketball in the '80's, the Cavaliers made the NCAA tournament field seven times, twice advancing to the Final Four. Guilford's golf team won a NAIA national championship and its volleyball team almost annually advanced to the District tournament during this decade. At Virginia and Guilford recently recognition has escaped the grid iron.

Now their football teams are to be reckoned with.

Virginia is a top ten team with 14 fifth-year seniors and a monkey off its back. Guilford is erasing memories of its losing image and riding an emotional high. Both teams have All-American candidates [Shawn Moore for the Cavs and Calvin Hunter for the Quakers] in a leadership role: at quarterback.

Question: Now that we're *finally* where we want to be, what do we do while we are here? Answer: Enjoy it while it lasts.

The wait 'til next year attitude is easy to maintain, but what happens when next year is this year?

I began following major league baseball when I was seven years old. Since Charleston, West Virginia fielded only a minor league team, I had to search for a big league team elsewhere. And where does one begin but at the top? The Pittsburgh Pirates were headed for the World Series and so I latched on to them. I got hooked into the "We are fam-a-lee" spirit and the colorful players: Pops, Cobra, Mad Dog, the Hit Man, the Hammer, Scrap Iron, the Candy Man, Rook and Teke.

After falling behind three games to one, the Buccos staged one of the most dramatic comebacks in baseball ever by winning the final three games of the Series!

My (however new) team had won the World Series! Iwas hyped.

Then mediocrity set in. The Pirates were old, so they traded away their old players - for even older journeymen.

Then the drug trials. Several Pirates and ex-Pirates were implicated in a major cocaine investigation.

Then the team went up for sale. There was talk that the Bucs might leave Pittsburgh. (Several area bigwigs remedied that situation by agreeing to share ownership of the club.)

Then . . . THE TRADE!

Going into the 1987 season, Pittsburgh had finished in the basement for three straight years. Then - General Manager Syd (I'm so swift) Thrift knew that it was time to shake up his team, so he traded Catcher Tony (if I'm the franchise, we're in a mess) Pena to St. Louis for temperamental outfielder Andy (I play third base like Brooks- Mel Brooks) Van Slyke, pudgy back-up catcher Mike LaValliere, and Olympic pitcher Mike Dunne.

This deal was a *bit* lopsided.

Almost immediately, the Bucs were contenders. After winning 28 of its final 39 games that season, Pittsburgh finished a surprising second in 1988.

Injuries nagged the Pirates in '89, so they were not picked to do well this season.

Surprise!

Finally, everything has fallen into place and my Buccos are just three weeks away from the playoffs again. My favorite player, leftfielder Barry Bonds, is racking up MVP numbers, starting pitcher Doug Drabek has been unbelievably nasty to hitters this summer, and Manager Jim Leyland has handled his team brilliantly since April.

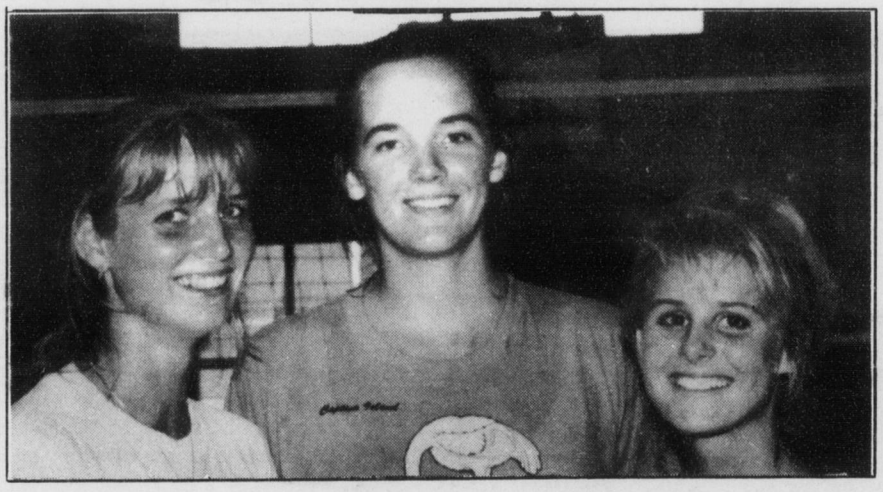
But how long can this last? Next season they start all over again and this year will be forgotten before long. Bonds wants to play for a team out west and teammate Bobby Bonilla might follow him. I can't worry about that though, the Pirates are in first; next year is *this* year; the future is *now*.

The Guilford football Quakers are 1-0 and have a promising future, but as I said, the future is now - don't miss out on their success story.

Young people, enjoy your youth. Be happy while you are still young. Do what you want to do and follow your heart's desires, but remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do. Do not let anything worry you or cause you pain. You are not going to be young very long.

-Ecclesiastes 11:9-10

FRESH FACES



TRICIA ALLMAN
Hickory, NC
Tricia, 18, is an offensive hitter for the Lady Quakers. She Graduated from Hickory High School and hasn't yet decided on her major.

BRENDA DAVIS
Orlando, FL
Brenda, 17, is a middle blocker for the Guilford volleyball team. She attended Luther High School and would like to study sports medicine.

SUSAN ALLEN
Austin, TX
Susan, 18, is a setter who recorded four assists against Pfeiffer. She graduated from St. Stevens High School and also plans to study sports medicine.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

	Sunday, Sept. 16	
2:00	Men's Soccer vs. Randolph-Macon	HOME
	Monday, Sept. 17	
	Men's golf at Cardinal C. C.	
	Tuesday, Sept. 18	
	Men's golf at Cardinal C. C.	
4:00	Women's Soccer vs. Roanoke	AWAY
	Wednesday, Sept. 19	
4:00	Men's Soccer vs. Belmont-Abbey	AWAY
6:30	Volleyball vs. High Point	HOME
	Thursday, Sept. 20	
4:00	Women's Soccer vs. Lynchburg	AWAY
	Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22	
	Volleyball at Bridgewater Tournament	AWAY
	Saturday, Sept. 22	
1:30	Football vs. Randolph-Macon	AWAY
2:00	Women's Soccer vs. Sweet Briar	HOME
2:00	Men's Soccer vs. Gardner-Webb	AWAY

SPORTS SCORES

Football def. Union	31-8
St. Andrew's def. Women's Soccer	4-3
Volleyball def. Bennett	15-2, 15-6
Volleyball def. Pfeiffer	15-6, 15-6

...Calling the Carpe Diem Task Force...